My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
I am glad you are here with us! Again, Mark’s Gospel teaches us how our Lord Jesus Christ knows us. We learn this from how he felt the pain of rejection when he returned home to Nazareth. Although the news of his miracles and healings had spread, some people there doubted him as an authority from God. Our Lord understands the rejection that we may feel at times in our lives, when others doubt us or fail to see how we’ve grown and changed. I encourage you to support others as you would like to be supported. When we stand up for others in Truth, we stand up for Jesus.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel
Jesus, the Wanderer

Jesus makes his first attempt at preaching today. He gets up in the pulpit in the place in which he worshiped from when he was a young boy. Although there is some initial interest on the part of the folk from Jesus’ own town, by the end of the story they reject him.

We imagine what they say amongst themselves: “Who does Jesus think he is?” “We know this carpenter and his family.” “We saw him grow up. There is nothing special about him.” From the gospel we know how upsetting this was for Jesus, and the defensive posture he took towards them. Ultimately, Jesus had to “get out of Dodge City” in order to carry out his mission.

Do you feel pegged or limited by the people around you who think they have figured you out? Did you have to leave your roots in order to follow your heart and speak your word?

Peace,
Fr. Charlie

Pray that God’s healing power to fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Church Office 726-4674. Each name is put on the prayer list for 3 weeks; to extend the time, please call us to confirm.

Tony Azevedo  Jessica Jeanes  Betty Hernandez  Barbara Kaposky  George Kelly  Jose Luis  Gabriela Leon  Deanna Mack

Nancy Madieros  Bill Madlem  Christina Masters  Robert Mazzetti  Jane McCoy  James Morris  Pete Parks Jr.  Lupe Perez

Josefa Ritscher  Karen Ross  Aida Sagabaen  Rosario Sales  Caritina Segura  Cherie Schwing  Paul Shephard  Frank Swick

Mary Ann Pimentel  Josefina Villegas

INSIGHTS

with Fr. Charlie

Baptism: Infant baptisms are celebrated in English on Sunday. Pre-Baptismal classes are by appointment only; held on 4th Thursday each month at 7pm in the Rectory’s Conference Room. Call Rectory for information: 726-4674

Bautismos en Español son celebrados el primer y el tercer sábado del mes a las 12:00. Las pláticas prebautismales son el jueves previo al primer Sábado del mes. Solicitar en la oficina el calendario de las fechas del año. Las pláticas son las 7:00 p.m. en el hall viejo que esta a un lado de la iglesia.

Marriage: Couples planning to marry, please contact a parish priest at least six months prior to your wedding. Our parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples.

Communion in the Home: The priest and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion to the sick and elderly in their homes. Ministers to the homebound are also available.

Anointing the Sick: First Friday each month during the 8am Mass. This sacrament is celebrated for all those seeking the healing power of Christ. A request may be made when a family member goes into the hospital or moves to a nursing facility.

Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments
Parish Events and Announcements

Portuguese Feast of St. Anthony | July 7th and 8th
Next weekend the community will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony with our Portuguese parishioners. There will be a Rosary on Saturday evening, July 7th at 7:00 pm. On Sunday morning, July 8th, there will be a special 11:00 am Mass in honor of St. Anthony. A procession will follow. Boa Festa!

It’s Hospitality Sunday | July 8th
Join us in the church hall after mass on Sunday for an informal parish fellowship gathering. Share favorite “sweet treats” courtesy of our parish community.

BIBLE STUDY | Epistle to the Hebrews
Adult Faith Formation
Begins Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm | Rectory Conference Room. Join us for prayer, contemplation and a lively discussion. No advanced knowledge of the Bible needed. To register: Call Hilda at 726-4674 or email terryruppel@earthlink.net

Starts Monday! VACATION BIBLE CAMP (VBC)
Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 13
9:00 am – 12:00 Noon From Eileen Arnold
A fun-filled, inspiring week you won’t want your kids to miss. Registration forms are in the back of church. Learn more: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/eileens-corner

** Get Your Car Washed ** VBC Finale!
Special Religious Education Fund Raiser
Friday, July 13 at 11:30 am | Donations: $5.00 or more
Place: The New Hall Parking Lot. For additional details, www.ourladyofthepillar.org/eileens-corner

Check Out Knights of Columbus Happenings!
July 2012 Newsletter now online on our new website. Download a copy: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/kofc

Youth Confirmation Classes Begin Monday, July 16
Monday through Friday at 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. For parish youth having completed their 1st year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Additional details on our website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/youth-confirmation

NEW Parish Website — Our Place to Stay Connected
Have you visited our new website? It is rapidly becoming a hub for information and what’s happening in our parish. It belongs to all of us and we are continuing to add new features to support the ministries of our parish. Tell us what you think! Ideas welcome.
www.ourladyofthepillar.org email: frcharlie@yahoo.com

Baptisms | Marriages | Special Occasions

Congratulations Parish Scholarship Winners
Knights of Columbus Scholarship #1 - Alan Mata
Knights of Columbus Scholarship #2 - Katrina Asomatianos
St. Vincent De Paul Scholarship - Alexandra Elchinoff

New Member of Our Community — Jack La Tray
Last week, we brought Jake La Tray to the waters of Baptism. He is the grandson of our parishioners, Jim & Vicki White. Welcome, Jake!

Blessings to the Bride and Groom! Isvi Lopez and Virginia Vasquez received the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, June 30.

Celebrating Quinceañeras! Congratulations to Angelica Haro and Eloisa Lopez Castro.

Parish Collections
June 30 and July 1
Our Lady of the Pillar Our Lady of Refuge July 15th Bulletin St. Anthony’s

Parish Organizations and Services
Our Lady of the Pillar has a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, check the new parish website at www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups This list is also posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Saint Vincent de Paul
If you have donations, please drop them off ONLY when the garage is open. Solicita que si usted tiene alguna donaciones, por favor deje sola durante los dias el garaje abierto.

Welcome to Our Lady of the Pillar Church
We thank God you are here to worship with us. If you would like to register with our parish, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or call the church office at 650-726-4674.

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

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New Parishioner Request Envelopes

Comments: 